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MR. FRASER SMITH—(Continued). I have been in this position when I should have been over to Mr. Anderson. I venture to think that Mr. Crook, who called this meeting, should have been to-day. I believe he feels, he is suffering from a cold, and he is not able to do his duty to be here anyhow and lay before a statement showing the present position of company.

MR. ANDERSON—With regard to that, I ought to say that I have had a letter from Mr. Crook to the effect that he is very ill and is really unable to attend this meeting, and he has asked that the business of the meeting in order that he may be present.

MR. CHAIRMAN—Yes, here is his letter. I think it ought to be read, as it is rather interesting. I regret to say that I am unable to be at the meeting to-morrow.

MR. FRASER SMITH—The letter is so confidential to the house by a severe attack fever. Owing to my being unable to read the shareholders it is pretty certain that there will be no meeting to-morrow.

MR. CHAIRMAN—You are, or arrange with the other



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